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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on May 15, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following:

Amendments to the Specification which begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in a listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

Remarks which begin on page 9 of this paper;

Appendix A which begins on page 18 of this paper; and

Appendix B which begins on page 19 of this paper.

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